

## THE OCBI CAMPAIGN: Youth, Education, and Social Welfare

### “Stop the Violence”: The Iowa Ten Point Plan for the 21st Century

The Iowa Ten Point Plan for the 21st Century are actions to help youth develop more positive and productive life-styles.

1. Promote and campaign for a cultural shift to help reduce youth violence, both physically and verbally within the Black community by initiating conversations, introspection and reflection on the thoughts and actions that do not allow us to be competitive in a capitalistic society.
2. Develop, as churches, the larger faith community, and other community organizations, a curriculum regarding Black history to help young people understand our significant educational, cultural and scientific contributions made to global community.
3. Acknowledge and respond to the impact of trauma as a physical and emotional reality on the lives of our young people and their families as a direct result of violence, especially the impact that domestic violence makes on women of color and their families.
4. Build meaningful relationships with high-risk youth by recognizing their reality on their terms and in their spaces.
5. Focus specially on connecting and rebuilding the lives of youth who have been incarcerated and stigmatized by mainstream society (as well as youth who have parents who are incarcerated).
6. Provide youth advocacy and one-on-one mentoring for high-risk youth.
7. Provide gang mediation and intervention for high-risk youth with the goal of establishing cease-fires and building the foundation for active peace.
8. Establish accountable, community-based economic development projects that generate revenue, and through financial literacy programming help demystify the accumulation and power of money.
9. Build partnerships with the community organizations of our city, with suburban and downtown communities of faith to help provide spiritual, human and material support.
10. Provide ongoing training for coalition members along with a systematic program in leadership development to create, maintain, and sustain community mobilization.

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